

Perry Mill  
337 Thames Street  
Newport  
Newport County  
Rhode Island

HABS No. RI-380

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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE RHODE ISLAND	COUNTY NEWPORT	TOWN OR VICINITY NEWPORT
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) PERRY MILL (plaque on building)		HABS NO. RI-380
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE General Electric Wiring Device Department Plant 2		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 337 Thames Street (at foot of Memorial Boulevard)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1835 (HABS notes)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alexander McGregor (HABS notes)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) New England mill with typical stereotomy but flat roof atypical for its early date. Served as the Perry Mill from 1835 until 1943.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) 19th-century industrial architecture		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Stone exterior bearing walls. Interior structure not recorded.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Dimensions not recorded. 4 wide front bays, 17 bays on flank.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Random ashlar masonry with dressed quoins, lintels and sills. Flat roof. 6/6 sash.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Not recorded.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Rear brick addition and stair tower, and brick west stair tower near front appear to be late additions. Building was being converted into condominiums in 1984.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Condition good. Used as General Electric Co. plant when recorded by HABS in 1969.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Undergoing conversion into condominiums in 1984.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) HABS notes made in 1969. Telephone call to Newport Historical Society on 01/31/84.		
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